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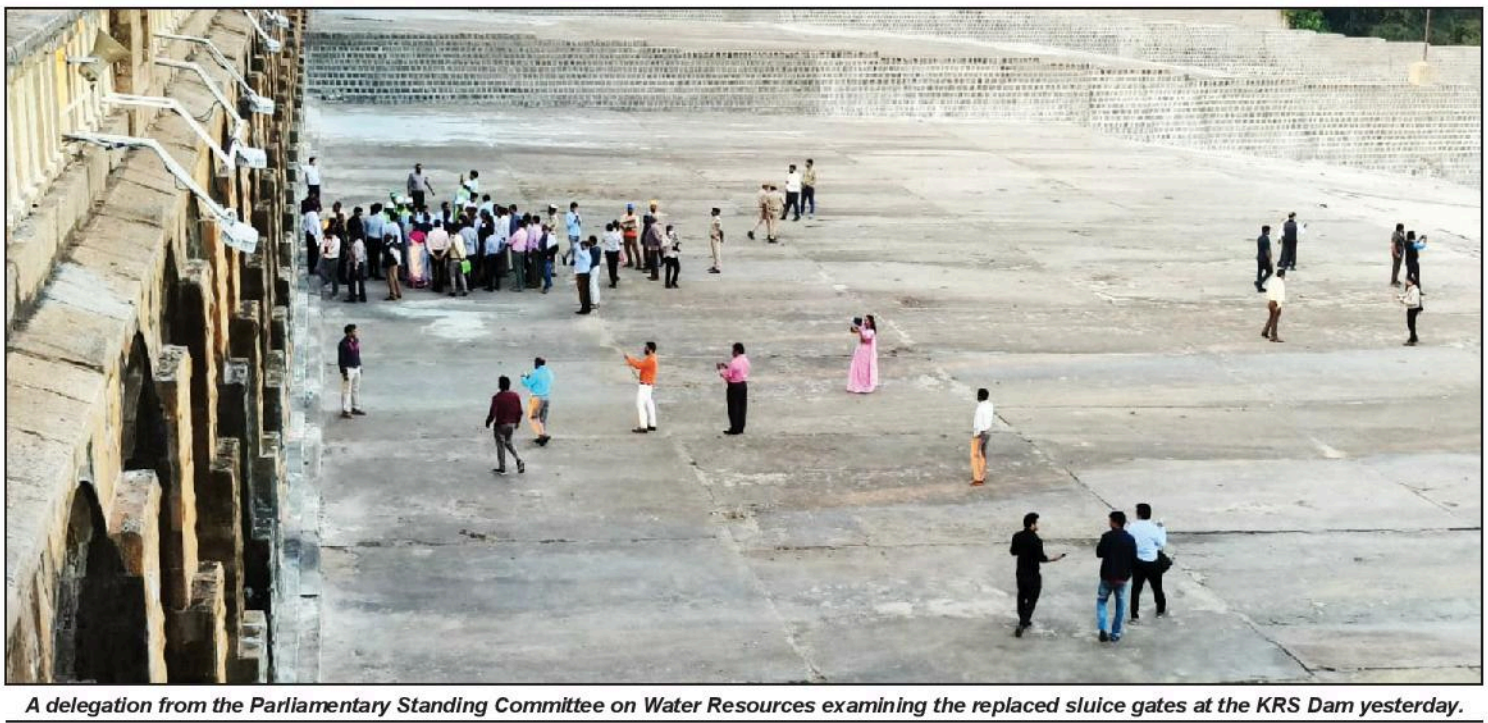
Sluice gates check

Parliament Panel visits KRS Dam to inspect crest gates works



A delegation from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources examining the replaced sluice gates at the KRS Dam yesterday.

Srirangapatna / Mysuru, Jan. 12 (Vinay Karekura, RK & BCT)- Amidst a High Court-imposed total ban on mining and quarrying activities within a 20-km radius of the historic Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Mandya District, a delegation from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources visited the Dam yesterday.

The purpose of the visit by the Committee on Water Resources is to examine the implementation of various programmes and schemes of the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation and the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

The delegation, which began the tour to Bhubaneswar, Tirupati, Mysuru and Bengaluru on Jan. 6, will conclude the visit in Bengaluru today. This morning, they visited a site in Ramanagara.

The team is headed by Chairman Parbatbhai Savabhai Patel and of the 30-member Parliamentary Standing Committee, seven visited the KRS Dam, accompanied by the officials. Former PM and Rajya Sabha MP H.D. Deve Gowda and Bangalore Rural MP D.K. Suresh too are members of the Committee. While Deve Gowda could not visit the Dam yesterday due to his health condition, Suresh stayed away due to prior engagements.

The Central team was welcomed by a delegation of elected representatives headed by former Minister C.S. Puttaraju and former MLC K.T. Srikantegowda. During the visit, the Parliamentary team also performed puja to Goddess Cauvery at Dam.

The delegation conducted a thorough examination of the KRS Dam, aiming to assess the reservoir's current condition. Officials told *Star of Mysore* that the team took stock of the project to replace the sluice gates that is nearing completion now.

For the first time, 136 crest gates are being replaced at the Dam. In all, there are 153 sluice gates at various levels through which water is released and in 2003, 17 sluice gates at 80 feet level were replaced as they were either corroded or damaged.

Now, the project is nearing completion where 136 gates are in the process of getting replaced. The project was initiated with the financial support of the Centre and the World Bank under the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project and the World Bank has released a financial aid of Rs. 69 crore.

(See GATES on page 7)

Dr. Bhyrappa calls on Yogi Adityanath

Acclaimed novelist Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa and former Chairman of Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi Prof. Pradhan Gurudatta seen with Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow yesterday.

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (SPN & BCT)- Mysuru-based writer and *Padma Bhushan* awardee Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa called on Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow yesterday. He was accompanied by former Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi Chairman Prof. Pradhan Gurudatta.

Dr. Bhyrappa and Prof. Pradhan Gurudatta, also from Mysuru, were in Lucknow to attend a seminar and they sought an appointment with Yogi Adityanath. Reports said it was a courtesy call where Dr. Bhyrappa and the UP CM exchanged pleasantries and discussed certain issues.

According to their itinerary, Dr. Bhyrappa and Prof. Pradhan Gurudatta are in Ayodhya for the consecration of Sri Ram Temple on Jan. 22.

Yuva Nidhi scheme launched in Mysuru

- Eligible for scheme 6 months after completing graduation
- Monthly financial assistance of Rs. 3,000 for unemployed graduates; Rs. 1,500 to unemployed diploma holders.
- Only 2,700 enrolled for the scheme so far in District

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (BLU & BS)- Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra inaugurated the Yuva Nidhi programme at Maharani's Science College for Women in the city this morning, coinciding with the 162nd birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.

One of the five pre-poll guarantees announced by the Government, the scheme aims to provide financial assistance to unemployed graduates and diploma holders. Under it, unemployed graduates will receive monthly financial aid of Rs. 3,000, while unemployed diploma holders will receive Rs. 1,500.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah launched the scheme Statewide in Shivamogga, accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and Ministers Madhu Bangarappa and Dr. Sharanprakash R. Patil.

(See YUVA NIDHI on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 12th January 2024

Bharatanatyam Rangapravesha of Sunitha Rathish on Jan. 14

Mysuru, Jan. 12- Nadavidyalaya Academy of Music and Dance, Hebbal, has organised Bharatanatyam Rangapravesha of Sunitha Rathish, disciple of Vidu. Mithra Naveen on Jan. 14 at 5 pm at Jaganmohan Palace auditorium in city.

Mysore Royal Family member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, MLAs G.T. Devegowda and K. Harishgowda, Dr. M.K. Pothraj, President of Arya Edigara Sangha, Mysuru and Chamarajanagar Districts, Dr. K.R. Dakshayani, Director and Dean, Mysuru Medical College and Research Institute and Natyacharya Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao, Artistic Director, Noopura Kalavidaru Trust, Mysuru, will be the guests of honour.

Guru Vidushi Mithra Naveen will be felicitated during Guru Vandanam Sabha programme.

Dance direction, Choreography and Nattuvangam will be provided by Vidushi Mithra Naveen, Vid. Naveen M.S. Andagar on vocal, Vid. Vivek Krishna on flute, Vid. G.S Nagraj on mridanga and

G.N. Manjunath (Akashavani, Mysuru on Master compere) will accompany Sunitha Rathish during her maiden performance.

Profile: Sunitha Rathish, wife of R. Rathish of Sri Murugan Medicals, Vijayanagar, Mysuru, is a software development engineer at GW Innovations, Thrissur and looking for a successful career ahead along with Bharatanatyam. Sunitha is presently preparing for her Vidwath Exams conducted by KSEEB.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Swami Vivekananda says, "Strength is goodness, weakness is sin." If there is one word in the Upanishads that burst like a bomb on the ignorant, it is 'fearlessness'. This fearlessness can only be experienced in a mind established in peace. To overcome fear, the solution is to build a determined spiritual practice. It will help to engage in selfless action; work with lesser attachment with conviction that it is Divine's work; absorb scriptural knowledge; introspect and meditate. And gradually transform our thought, speech and words, in alignment with our spiritual goals. Paving the way for inner purification. With the mind yoked to the atman, the cogitation of the mind reduces and fear is replaced by fearlessness.

Vivekananda would say that if we comprehend the spirit of the Gita shloks 2:2 and 2:3, on fearlessness, we can understand the entire Gita. Krishn gives Arjun a shock treatment when he sits in the chariot, overwhelmed with fear, grief and delusion. Krishn says, "This does not befit you. You are of heroic nature. Get rid of this weakness. Stand up and fight."

Due to our identification with the body-mind complex, we encounter weakness arising out of fear and delusion, just like Arjun experienced, widening the distance between us and our real nature. With an expanded vision, we start getting a whiff of our true nature, which is changeless, indestructible, eternal. The highest knowledge of Advaita, Tat Tvam Asi-Thou are That-seeps in. That the same reality is in me and in every being-living, non-living.

Swamiji says, "When a man can say, 'I am in everything, in everybody, I am in all lives, I am the universe,' then alone comes the state of fearlessness." It is time to earnestly respond to Swamiji's call, "Arise, Awake! Awake from this hypnotism of weakness. Stand up, assert yourself, proclaim the God within you, do not deny Him." De-hypnotise yourselves. Know that you are the creator of your own destiny.

— Arijit Ray in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Intriguing optical illusions of Cosimo Caiffa

Milan: Cosimo Caiffa is a talented Italian graffiti artist who uses spray cans to create some of the most fascinating street art illusions one has ever seen!

44-year-old Caiffa, who also goes by 'Cheone', paints most of his impressive artworks in his hometown of Nerviano, near Milan. Most of his street art projects not only integrate perfectly with their surroundings, but they also have this uncanny depth to them that often fools passers-by. Having grown up around art and artists in Gallipoli, Leece, Cosimo started painting on canvas at a very young age, but as soon as he discovered graffiti, he knew that was what he wanted to do for the rest of his life. He taught himself the 3D street art technique and he has been using it for years to great effect to turn bland, boring urban spaces into outdoor works of art.

Artist brings dying art into limelight

London: Maisie Matilda, a 24-year-old artist from the UK, is being credited for shining a bright spotlight on the fascinating but dying art of book fore-edge painting.

Matilda had been painting for a long time, but she only started experimenting with fore-edge painting during the first COVID-19 lockdown, when she found herself with lots of time on her hands. The self-taught artist went viral at the end of 2021, after posting videos of her work on the fore-edge of a J.R.R. Tolkien book on social media. She has been riding this wave ever since and she currently has over half a million loyal fans on Instagram alone.

Fore-edge painting evolved into a fully-fledged art form during the 18th century. Unfortunately, the craft is listed as critically endangered, which only makes Maisie's art that much more important to preserve the vanishing art.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Symptoms of kidney stones include severe pain in the back or side, blood in the urine, and pain during urination. The pain often comes in waves and can be intense

By Dr. Thimmaiah K A - Consultant - Urology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Tumour weighing 7.5 kg removed from 65-year-old man at K.R. Hospital

Dr. Anandaravi

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (KS) - A tumour weighing 7.5 kg has been removed through a surgical procedure from a 65-year-old man at K.R. Hospital in city recently.

The large tumour was removed surgically by **Dr. B.N. Anandaravi,** Professor and Head of General Surgery Department and his team comprising Dr. R.D. Manjunath, Assistant Professor, Department of General Surgery, Dr. Deepa, Anaesthesiologists Dr. V.Y. Srinivas and Dr. Malini.

The elderly patient was brought to K.R. Hospital with a very rare tumour (Retroperitoneal Liposarcoma), which is very aggressive and highly metastatic with the incidence rate being just one percent with fatality rate.

On examining the patient, the doctors found multiple benign lipomas over the abdominal wall which had turned into a malignant liposarcoma over a period of time.

This tumour was removed through a surgical procedure by Dr. Anandaravi and his team at K.R. Hospital. The doctors also performed left radical nephrectomy as intra-operatively involvement of the left kidney.

Dr. Anandaravi said that the patient was stable and recovering and expressed the need to create awareness among youngsters about increasing rate of cancer due to unhealthy food habits, environment pollution and hereditary causes besides stressing for change in lifestyle for a healthy life.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284.00 feet**	Maximum **2,859.00 feet**
Today's level **95.54 feet**	Today's level **2,273.34 feet**	Today's level **2,831.42 feet**
Last year's level **118.32 feet**	Last year's level **2,272.06 feet**	Last year's level **2,828.59 feet**
Yesterday's level **95.96 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,273.33 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,831.40 feet**
Today's Inflow **547 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **427 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **142 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **3,823 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **300 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **100 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *Strawberries and raspberries wear their seeds on the outside.*
- *Potatoes were the first vegetable to be grown in space.*
- *Bananas are technically herbs.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Tom: *Can people predict the future with cards?*
Zeena: *My mother can*
Tom: *Really?*
Zeena: *Yes, she takes one look at my Report Card and tells me what will happen when my father gets back home!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.97
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 105.99
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.59
1 Euro	= Rs. 91.07

VOICE OF THE READER

Saga of Suburban Bus Stand

Sir,

Mysuru, a tourist hub and a busy city throughout the year with constant flow of tourists, has two prime entrances — one is the City Railway Station and the other is our Suburban Bus Stand. No doubt the Railway Station has been upgraded several times and made easily accessible to users but the KSRTC Bus Stand lacks improvement.

I am not a tourist, but a resident of Mysuru and it makes me panic just by the thought of travelling around this Bus Stand area. The road is mostly chock-a-block with vehicles flowing from and in all directions. Added to this is the haphazard parking of inter-city buses for passengers to alight. The exit point is also confusing with all segments of Bengaluru-bound buses trying to exit the terminal and at the same time board passengers.

The parking in Suburban Bus Stand's basement is very tedious and it is a fact that during monsoon the basement is flooded. The uncountable street vendors and hawkers aggravate the situation. This apart, the prepaid auto stand occupies free space.

All the above problems need immediate attention of the respective government department. A signal light adjacent to the Bus Stand is the need of the hour and diverting goods vehicles / trucks away from the road from Railway Station to the Bus Stand will ease the movement of vehicles, else the widening of Irwin Road will not meet its objective.

Let's bring back Mysuru to a de-congested city.

—Shambhavi Bhounsle,
Asst. Professor
Vijayanagar
12.1.2024

JCOM Mysore Table 1.0 installed

The installation ceremony of JCOM Mysore Table 1.0 was held in city on Jan. 5. Seen are (from left) JCOM Coach Jc. Preetham Shenoy, JCI Director Business Jc. Prashanth, JCI Zone President JFM Asha Jain, JCOM Mysore Table 1.0 Chairman HGF R. Ashwath Kumar, National Vice-Trainer SMA Kumar, JCI India Secretary HGF Karthik Ganapathy, Zone Chairman HGF Ullas Shankar, Past Chairman HGF M.L. Nagesh and Past Secretary HGF Ravi Kushal.

Job Mela in city on Jan. 13

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (MTY&KS)- A job mela, organised as part of Swami Vivekanada Jayantotsava, will be held from 10 am on Jan. 13 at Parivarthana B School near Metagalli Signal.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here, Job Mela Organiser D.B. Rukmangada said that over 20 companies will be taking part to recruit more than 600 employees. Candidates aged between 18 and 30, who have passed SSLC, PUC, Degrees and other courses can take part in the job mela.

Ranganayaki Sthree Samaja's Ashalatha Puttegowda, Rotary Mysore President Rtn. Arun Belawadi and Rotary Mandya President Anupama were present at the press meet.

Drawing contest on Jan. 21

Mysuru, Jan. 12- The Nagarika Hitarakshana Samiti in Vijayanagar Second Stage has organised a drawing competition for children titled 'Prakruti' on Jan. 21 from 10 am to 12 noon at Vidyaranya Park near Hampi Circle here.

The contest will be held in two categories — 5 to 10 years and 11 to 15 years.

Those interested may register their names before Jan. 18 by calling Mob: 99457-68435 or 99004-13344, according to a press release.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Science expos tomorrow

Science Expo by students has been organised at Sri Viveka Balodyana Public School, Jayanagar, in city at 10 am tomorrow (Jan. 13). Former Kuvempu University Vice-Chancellor Prof. P. Venkataramaiah will be the Chief guest. The expo will be open from 10 am to 1.30 pm.

Pramati Hillview Acadmy has also organised Science Exhibition at its premises on Jan. 13 from 10 am to 4 pm, to provide an opportunity for students to display their academic talent. Exhibition will be inaugurated by Dr. D.D. Wadikar, Sc 'F' & Head, Grain Science Technology, DFRL, Mysuru.

Medical camp

A week-long skin diseases treatment camp has been organised at JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Lalithadripura Road, Alanahalli in city from Jan. 12 to 20. People having skin problems like Psoriasis, Dry Skin, Allergic Dermatitis, Eczema, Skin Rashes, Hyper Pigmentation etc., can avail the benefit of the camp. The camp will be open from 9 am to 4.30 pm till Jan. 20. For details, contact Ph: 0821- 2548231 or Mob: 95383-67282.

Suttur Jatra cattle fair

As part of the week-long annual Suttur Jatra (Feb. 6 to 11) at Suttur in Nanjangud taluk, a cattle fair (53rd edition) has been organised at the jatra. The best breed will be awarded cash prize. The fair also features free health check up camp for cattle, vaccination and deworming. The farmers can book their space before the start of the jatra. For details, contact Ph: 0821- 2548212-122 or Mob: 98452-46023/ 96866-77590.

Mass marriage

As part of the annual Suttur Jatra (Feb. 6 to 11) at Suttur in Nanjangud taluk, a free mass marriage programme has been organised at Suttur Sri Kshetra on Feb. 7. Interested brides and grooms can register along with all required documents at the Suttur Jatra Office in Mysuru or at JSS Institute in Suttur by Jan. 25. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2548212-122, Mob: 94486-74702/ 97413-42222/ 94490-30588.

Story-telling

As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni-810,' Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling by P. Mukunda, retd. Head Master, Seva Bharathi School, Thirthahalli, Shivamogga, at Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar on Jan. 13 between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm. For details, call Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115.

National Road Safety Week-2024

Police take out bike rally to create awareness in city

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (SBD&KS)- The Mysuru City Police, as part of National Road Safety Week-2024, took out a bike rally to create awareness on traffic rules and regulations in the city yesterday evening.

The awareness rally comprising about 500 Police personnel on two-wheelers was flagged off in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Mysore Palace North Gate by DCPs M. Muthuraj and S. Jahnavi, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Traffic) H. Parashuramappa, Vijayanagar Sub-Division ACP Gajendra Prasad and NR Sub-Division ACP C.K. Ashwathnarayan.

The rally passed via Chamaraja Wadiyar Circle, Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle (Hardinge Circle), Rajendra Circle (Gun House Circle), Basaveshwara Circle, Ramaswamy Circle, Ekalavya Circle, Kautilya Circle, Hunsur Road, Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Metropole Hotel junction), Dasappa Circle, Babu Jagivan Ram Circle near Railway Station, J.K. Grounds, Government Ayurveda College and Hospital Circle, Nehru Circle

and Ashoka Road before concluding near Town Hall.

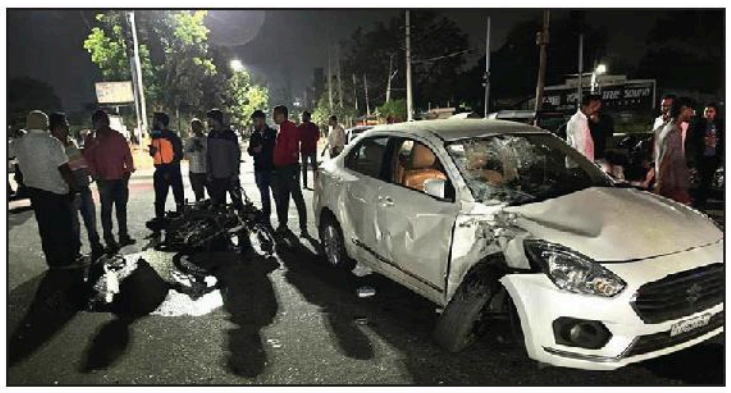
Earlier, handbills containing traffic rules and regulations to be followed was released and 79-year-old Maheshwar, who is voluntarily serving as a Traffic Warden since three decades was felicitated on the occasion.

Later, a short film on the dangers and accidents caused due to violation of traffic rules was screened on a LED screen.

DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj, speaking on the occasion said that it is very much necessary to follow traffic rules for the safety of life. Stating that the family will be orphaned if a family member loses life in an accident for not following the traffic rules, he said that one will regret his/ her entire life if they become disabled. He also advised parents to wear helmet while riding two-wheeler.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi said "Life and livelihood is very important and hence it is vital to follow traffic rules for one's safety. The rash and negligent riding and driving is the major cause for accidents."

Car-bike collision: Puttur PWD Engineer among two injured



Mysuru, Jan. 12- A two-wheeler rider sustained severe injuries and was admitted to a private hospital in city, when the bike he was riding collided with a car at KEB Junction on the Outer Ring Road, near Dattagalli on Dec. 10 night.

The seriously injured rider has been identified as 26-year-old Harshith, a Civil Engineer from Puttur. His friend P.B. Ujwal, also a Civil Engineer at PWD Mangalore Sub-Division, who was riding pillion, has sustained minor injuries and there is no threat to his life.

It is learnt that, Harshith along with Ujwal had come to Mysuru from Puttur on his Royal Enfield Himalayan bike (KA-21-EB-3003) to distribute his (Harshith) sister's wedding invitations.

On Wednesday night, they were proceeding on the Ring Road from Bogadi towards Dattagalli and when they reached the KEB Junction, the bike collided with a Maruti Swift Dzire (KA-09-MD-0991), which was proceeding from Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Circle towards Dattagalli at about 10.45 pm, resulting in Harshith sustaining serious head injuries.

It is learnt that Harshith was not wearing helmet at that time, due to which he sustained severe head injuries, while his friend Ujwal, who was wearing helmet sustained minor injuries.

KR Traffic Police Sub-Inspector Madan and staff, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, shifted the injured to a private hospital besides registering a case.

Sources said that Harshith is recovering at the hospital.

Lodging of false criminal case

Third Addl. Sessions Court upholds JMFC Court order

Mysuru, Jan. 12- Third Additional District and Sessions Court has upheld the verdict of a JMFC Court which had awarded jail sentence to one Shankaregowda of Anandur village in the taluk, for lodging a false criminal case against Prof. M. Siddaramegowda, retired Principal of VV Puram PU College in Bengaluru.

Shankaregowda had filed four cases including two murder cases against Prof. Siddaramegowda. After Prof. Siddaramegowda was acquitted in all the cases, he had filed a defamation suit against Shankaregowda and the then 2nd JMFC Court Judge C.N. Munirathnam had awarded two year jail term and imposed Rs. 10,000 fine on Shankaregowda.

Questioning the order of 2nd JMFC Court, Shankaregowda had filed an appeal at the third Additional District and Sessions Court. Judge K. Bhagya, has upheld the judgement of the JMFC Court.

Obituary

Dr. M. Mohandas Shenoy

Mysuru, Jan. 12- Dr. M. Mohandas Shenoy (74), retired Director of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in Hunsur, passed away following a brief illness at Chennai this morning.

He was the former President of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) and a member of People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL), Mysuru.

MGP has lost its illustrious President

MGP Founder-President Bhamy V. Shenoy, who has condoled the death of Dr. M.M. Shenoy, has stated that the MGP has lost its illustrious President.

In his condolence message, Bhamy said that Dr. M.M. Shenoy, during his tenure as MGP President had taken up various projects such as Saving Chamundi Hill, Saving Kukkarahalli Lake and had strived hard for the formation of Ward Committees.

Stating that Dr. M.M. Shenoy had also served as a Member of Internal Quality Assurance Cell of University of Mysore, Bhamy Shenoy said that Dr. M.M. Shenoy was on his recovery path after being operated for cancer and was looking forward to return to Mysuru, but unfortunately he passed away this morning.

Dr. M.M. Shenoy's wife Uma Shenoy, former member of Mysuru Consumer Redressal Forum was by her husband's side, when he breathed his last.

Manjula Umesh

Manjula Umesh (68), former State President of Congress Women's Wing and Kutumba Rakshana Vedike and a resident of New Kantharaj Urs Road in Kuvempunagar, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her husband R. Umesh, son Pavan, daughters Swarnagowri and Shripriya and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage this afternoon, according to family sources.

Swachh Survekshan Awards for 2023

Mysuru slips to 27th position from top 8th place in 2022

Regional Commissioner Dr. G.C. Prakash, who is also the Administrator of Mysuru City Corporation, MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff, MCC Deputy Commissioner K.J. Sindhu and Executive Engineer B. Nagaraj received the Swachh Survekshan Award in New Delhi yesterday.

In 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, the city was adjudged Cleanest in India

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (RK&BCT)- President of India Droupadi Murmu bestowed the Swachh Survekshan Awards for 2023 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi yesterday. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) organised the event.

Thirteen awardees were honoured in various categories, including Clean Cities, Cleanest Cantonment, SafaiMitra Suraksha, Ganga Towns and Best Performing State. Notably, the cleanest city award had joint winners this year, with Port City Surat and Indore both receiving top honours. Indore had previously held the solo top spot for six consecutive years.

Mysuru city, which secured the top ranking in the inaugural national-level Swachh Survekshan in 2016, has now slipped to the 27th position in the 2023 ranking. In the Swachh Survekshan Survey 2022, Mysuru had claimed the eighth position among the top 10 cleanest cities in the country, earning the "Clean Medium City Award" in the category of urban local bodies with a population of 3 to 10 lakh.

However, Mysuru remains the cleanest city within Karnataka among those with a population above one lakh and holds the second position in the all-India ranking in the 3-10 lakh population category. Mysuru had managed to secure the top spot in the first and second surveys — 2014-2015 and 2015-2016.

The awards for Mysuru were presented by Union Urban Development Minister Hardeep Singh Puri and Joint Director Ashok Singhi. Regional Commissioner Dr. G.C. Prakash, who is also the Administrator of Mysuru City Corporation, Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff, MCC Deputy Commissioner K.J. Sindhu, Executive Engineer B. Nagaraj and Senior Health Officer Dr. N.P. Venkatesh received the awards.

The theme for the year 2023 was 'Waste to Wealth' and the ranking was decided by marks of quarterly assessments, marks of certifications (open defecation-free and garbage-free cities) and Swachh Survekshan (direct observation, citizen feedback and service level progress).

Dashboard data

According to the Mysuru city factsheet in the Swachh Survekshan dashboard, it comprises 65 Wards with a population of 9,20,550 based on the 2011 census. It has garnered a citizen voice rating of 1,880.9 and achieved a three-star rating in the Garbage Free City (GFC) assessment, attaining "water+" status in the Open Defecation Free (ODF) certification.

In the city report card, however, impressive statistics reflect Mysuru's commitment to waste management. It boasts a 97 percent success rate in door-to-door waste collection, 70 percent in source segregation and an admirable 94 percent in waste generation versus processing.

Achieving 100 percent in the remediation of dumpsites, cleanliness in residential areas, market areas, water bodies and public toilets further solidifies its dedication to maintaining a clean environment.

Mysuru has accumulated a total score of 7,753.46 out of a maximum of 9,500 marks, encompassing Citizen Voice and Service Level Progress, as well as ODF and GFC certifications. The Citizen Voice category scored 1,880.90 against a maximum of 2,170 marks.

Service Level Progress earned 4,022.50 out of 4,830 maximum marks. Additionally, ODF certification received a score of 1,125 and GFC scored 725, both against a maximum of 2,500 marks.

Vidyaranyapuram waste dump dented rankings

The Swachh Survekshan, conducted through direct observation, took place in Mysuru last April and May. During this period, a dedicated team conducted a comprehensive inspection, considering citizen feedback on cleanliness. The survey officers allocated scores and one notable area of concern was the Vidyaranyapuram Sewage Farm, which holds over seven lakh tonnes of legacy waste.

At this location, garbage has accumulated to resemble a hill, emitting unpleasant odours that significantly impact the nearby residents. MCC officers acknowledged that this situation might have adversely affected the city's rankings, underscoring the critical need for effective cleanliness management and the implementation of scientific waste disposal practices.

MCC authorities attribute the city's poor performance to changes in the ranking system and lack of facilities for converting waste into resources. Additionally, the proposed plan to establish a debris waste plant, put forth several years ago, is yet to materialise, contributing to the challenges faced in waste management.

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Mysuru Children's Literature Festival held

Story Time with... Sudha Murty & Gopi

Reduce screen time, play outdoors, connect with pets: Dr. Sudha Murty

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (MK&BCT)- The Eighth Edition of the Mysuru Children's Literature Festival was hosted by the Mysuru Literary Forum and Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs-2015, at Hotel Southern Star in city yesterday. As the guest, former Chairperson of Infosys Foundation, Sudha Murty graced the stage alongside her pet dog 'Gopi,' who has inspired her to create a character in her book- 'The Gopi Diaries.'

Sudha Murty was accompanied by Shubha Sanjay Urs, Founder, Managing Trustee and Chairperson of the Mysuru Book Clubs-2015 and Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust.

Gopi's presence on stage along with Sudha Murty sitting on the dais floor had the audience spellbound, as she shared valuable life lessons.

A host of reading, creative events

The festival unfolded on three platforms concurrently, introduction to storytelling, introduction to literature and introductions through verses to nurture children's personalities through story telling.

Ventriloquist and magician Suma Rajkumar, renowned for 'Mathanaduva Bombe,' mesmerised the audience with her talking doll and magic.

Contributions from K. Seema Karanth and Dr. Deepika Ponnappa featured stories that fostered new ideas and sparked scientific curiosity among the young minds.

Singer Suraj Rao Pawar's guitar melodies, dance lessons by Roopa Shivaprakash and skill development activities led by Anna Cherian enhanced children's learning interests. The final session, led by Sudha Murty, initiated a mission to instil a love for literature among the children, concluding the festival on a heart-warming note.

Reduce screen, see green

Sudha Murty speaking at the event suggested that children, reduce screen time, engage in outdoor activities and cultivate connections with pet animals.

As an advocate for language learning, Sudha Murty encouraged children to learn English while stressing the importance of not neglecting their native language, Kannada.

She asserted that Kannada should be considered an integral part of their identity, challenging the perception of it as a secondary language.

Addressing the intricate link between language and culture, Sudha Murty urged children to embrace their cultural heritage. She believes that learning the language is pivotal for preserving one's roots, drawing a parallel between individuals neglecting their native language and culture to trees without a strong foundation.

VIP Gopi !

While introducing Gopi, Sudha Murty shared how he, Gopi, became a cherished member of her family.

Gopi, she said was originally her son Rohan Murty's pet dog. "When Rohan moved to London during COVID-19, Gopi was left with me, that temporary stay has now become permanent," she said.

Gopi has inspired Sudha Murty to write a series called *'The Gopi Diaries'* and Sudha Murty revealed that the fourth instalment in the series is set to be released later this year.

Interaction on UAE business prospects in Mysuru on Jan. 18 and 19

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (BCT)- The Government of Sharjah, UAE, in collaboration with the Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry in India (ASSOCHAM) and the Mysore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (MCCI), is organising an interactive session on unlocking business opportunities in the UAE.

Scheduled to take place at the Wodeyar Hall of Fortune JP Palace Hotel in Mysuru from 10 am to 5 pm on Jan. 18 and Jan. 19, this session aims to offer valuable insights into the advantageous prospects available for businesses within the UAE, with a particular focus on free zones.

The agenda of the sessions is to acquaint Indian businesses with the business and investment opportunities in the UAE and other West Asian countries. Special emphasis will be placed on highlighting the multiple benefits and incentives provided by Hamriyah Free Zone to foreign companies.

Interested persons can contact Tarina Basu at +91-96112-26411 or email: *tarina.basu@assocham.com*, B.R. Bharati at 96068-50246 or email: *mccimysore@gmail.com*.

Yuva Nidhi scheme launched

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In Mysuru district, a total of 2,700 candidates have applied for the benefit. DC Rajendra credited the amount to the bank accounts of some beneficiaries through the direct benefit transfer (DBT) method during the launch event.

Addressing the beneficiaries, DC Dr. Rajendra noted the challenges faced by students after graduation and urged them to use the financial assistance judiciously. While girls are usually under pressure to marry, boys face employment and other challenges. He advised utilising the amount for higher education, leading a self-reliant life and avoiding last-minute exam preparations by studying consistently.

Dr. Rajendra also encouraged youths to follow the path laid down by Swami Vivekananda and cautioned against falling prey to vices like drugs and the negative aspects of digital media, especially social networking sites.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra seen during the launch of Yuva Nidhi scheme at Maharani's Science College in city this morning.

The event was attended by District Skill Development Officer K. Narayan Murthy, Principal of Maharani's Science College for Women Dr. M. Abdul Rehman, Assistant Director, Regional Office, Department of Collegiate Education H.M. Manjunath, Nodal Officer of the University of Mysore Dr. N. Ravikumar and Seva Sindhu Officer Chetan.

Sluice gates check

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Officers said that the Parliamentary delegation saw the progress of the gate replacement works and were also apprised of the delay in the project due to COVID-19 and non-availability of skilled workers.

During discussions, former Minister C.S. Puttaraju specifically addressed the concerns about the condition of dams along the Cauvery Basin, issues faced by farmers and the necessary funds for the development of the Dam and the Brindavan Gardens. He also told the Committee that Karnataka was facing a huge water shortage and the resultant challenges faced by the people in the Old Mysuru region.

Water Department Secretary Krishnamurthy B. Kulkarni, Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited (CNNL) Managing Director Mahesh, Technical Assistant to State Water Resources Minister Jayaprakash, Chief Engineer R.L. Venkatesh, Superintendent Engineer Raghuraman, Executive Engineer Jayanth, Assistant Executive Engineers Abu Farooq and Kishore Kumar and others accompanied the Parliamentary delegation during inspection.

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Row over statue at Gun House Circle

Statue installation does not impede traffic movement: DC

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (BLU&DM)- Amidst the ongoing controversy over the installation of Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji's statue at Gun House Circle in the city, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra emphasised the right to protest for everyone.

Responding to questions raised by reporters during his visit to Maharani's Science College for the launch of the registration drive for the State Government's Yuva Nidhi scheme this morning, the DC clarified that the MCC Council meeting had approved the installation of statue, followed by approval from the State Government. However, a petition filed in the High Court led to a stay on the Government's approval.

The subsequent writ petition filed by the Government sought the vacation of the stay and the High Court directed the District Committee to make an appropriate decision. Following the Court order, the District Committee approved the statue installation at the site.

The responsibility for statue installation was assigned to the supporting organisation and construction is underway, which has come to the notice of the District Administration, he said.

The DC mentioned that in 2009, the Supreme Court issued safety guidelines for constructing statues at Circles and road junctions. He said that the ongoing statue construction at Gun House Circle will not impede traffic movement and clarified that a nameplate reading "Dr. Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji Circle" has been present at the site since 1980.

Protesters arrested

In response to the planned protests by the 'Kaanoonubahira Pratime Teravu Horata Samiti' yesterday, the Police took preventive action, arresting the Samiti Convenor M.K. Premkumar and other members who intended to protest at Gun House Circle, Kuvempu Park and MCC Office.

The protesters were taken to CAR Grounds and released after some time.

Upon learning of the planned protest, the Police provided a barricade around Gun House Circle, leading to the suspension of construction work on the statue. DSS (Dalit Sangharsha Samiti) activists, led by Choranahalli Shivanna, attempted to stage a protest in front of the MCC Office and were also taken into custody by the Police.

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Row over Karnataka R-Day tableau rejection

CM diverting attention from seven months of failure: MP

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (PM&BCT)- India's Republic Day (R-Day) celebrations are incomplete without colourful tableaux cantering down Kartavya Path (formally Rajpath), showcasing India's rich and diverse cultural heritage on Jan 26.

However, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has charged that the Centre intentionally rejected the State tableau in the lead up to this year's Republic Day. The CM has accused the Centre of meting out step-motherly treatment to Karnataka.

Countering Siddaramaiah, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simmha has said that the CM was blaming the Centre in order to cover-up the Congress Government's failure in the last seven months. "Siddaramaiah has failed as CM and the Congress party has misled the Karnataka voters and the CM is diverting the attention of people by blaming the Centre," he said.

Speaking to reporters on Wednesday, Simmha said that Siddaramaiah has completed one full term as CM and now he has become the CM again but lacks basic understanding of the process involved in the

Siddaramaiah

Pratap Simmha

R-Day parade tableaux selection. "Siddaramaiah is fully aware of the process and now he is deliberately giving misleading statements and his statements are full of malice and have no truth," the MP charged.

Long selection process

"The tableaux proposals received are evaluated by a committee of experts appointed by the Ministry of Defence comprising prominent persons in the field of art, culture, painting, sculpture, music, architecture, choreography, etc. The selection process happens in a phased manner," the MP said.

The selection depends upon a combination of factors including but not limited to visual appeal, impact on the masses, idea, theme of the tableaux, degree of detailing involved in the tableaux, music accompanying the tableau and local artistes used, he explained.

"Each year, the Centre comes up with an overarching theme, under which, participants can showcase elements relevant to their respective State/UT/department in their tableau. This year's theme is "Viksit Bharat" (Developed India) and "Bharat: Loktantra ki Matrika" (India: the Mother of Democracy). Siddaramaiah is aware of all these processes but is misguiding people as if the Centre has caused injustice to Karnataka," Pratap Simmha said.

In 2022, 21 tableaux were given a chance out of 36 tableaux and in 2023, 23 tableaux were given a chance and this time, the team of experts chose 25 tableaux that align with the theme and there is no politics involved here.

"In the last seven months, Siddaramaiah has nothing to showcase except failures and he is covering up by blaming the Centre. Many States have not got the chance to display their tableaux but they have accepted the expert decision but only Siddaramaiah has chosen to abuse the Centre. As a person occupying a dignified post, Siddaramaiah should not stoop so low," Simmha said.

Sreenivasa Prasad-50 in politics: Golden Jubilee fete in city on Mar. 17

Mysuru, Jan. 12- Veteran leader and Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad will be completing 50 years in politics in March and to make it memorable, a grand ceremony is planned on Mar. 17 at the Convocation Hall of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) in the city. This was decided at a preliminary meeting of dignitaries and leaders convened at the guest house of KSOU on Tuesday.

V. Sreenivasa Prasad Suvarna Mahotsava Abhinandana Samiti has been formed for the purpose under the banner of which various programmes will be organised.

During the meeting held in the presence of Sreenivasa Prasad, dignitaries like Kalyanasiri Bhanteji, senior Congress leader P.G.R. Sindhia, former MLA Vasu, former Chairmen of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Mohan Kumar and C. Basavegowda, writer Dr. Pradhan Gurudutta, Padmanabha Rao of Nanjangud, S.R. Sudarshan, Dr. Shivarajappa, Prof.N. Girigowda and others aired their opinions about organising the ceremony.

It was decided to invite former Chief Ministers Dr. M. Veerappa Moily and S.M. Krishna, former Speaker of Legislative Assembly Kagodu Thimmappa and the contemporaries of V. Sreenivasa Prasad.

On the occasion, the biography of Sreenivasa Prasad with Pradhan Gurudatta as Chief Editor and Prof. Nilagiri M. Talwar as Editor will also be released.

LS polls: Pushpa Amarnath throws her hat into the ring

Aspires to contest from Chamarajanagar reserved seat

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (MTY&BCT)- State Women's Congress Chief Dr. B. Pushpa Amarnath has officially thrown her hat into the ring for the party's ticket in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, vying for the Chamarajanagar reserved Constituency.

Addressing reporters at Congress Office in city on Tuesday, Pushpa Amarnath highlighted the Mahila Congress' appeal to the party High Command to prioritise women candidates in constituencies where the party is poised to secure victories.

A former President of Mysuru Zilla Panchayat, Pushpa Amarnath said that in the past, she had aspired to contest the reserved Kollegal Assembly ticket during the last State Assembly elections. "But I was denied an opportunity to contest. I have served the Congress party for over 15 years in different capacities and even tried for tickets in 2018 and 2023 Assembly elections," she said.

She expressed confidence in securing the party ticket for the Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha Constituency in the upcoming elections, aiming to reclaim the seat for the Congress. "I have not got the opportunity to contest in local body elections also. If given an opportunity, I will be the voice of ordinary people and farmers in the Parliament," she said.

Bilkis Bano case

Speaking on other issues, Pushpa Amarnath commended the Supreme Court's decision to overturn the remission of 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano case. "The release of the convicts serving a life sentence for raping a woman and killing seven members of her family in a BJP-ruled State shows how diametrically opposite the party's words and deeds are," she said. She asserted that the BJP, historically not supportive of women's rights, faced judicial intervention as the Supreme Court rebuked the remission granted by the BJP Government in Gujarat. "Women will never feel safe with empty words on their empowerment. Until a woman feels safe, she cannot progress. First and foremost, a woman needs safety, justice and a promise from the Government that it has foolproof plans in place," she said.

Ram Temple

She also highlighted the BJP Government's failure to extend an invitation to President Droupadi Murmu, the country's first citizen, for the inauguration of the Sri Ram Temple in Ayodhya, emphasising a perceived lack of inclusivity on the part of the ruling party.

Women Congress leaders Pushpavalli, Latha Mohan, former Mayors Pushpalatha T.B. Chikkanna, Modamani and M.C. Rajeshwari Puttaswamy, Radhamani, Susheel, Indira, Chandrakala, Bhavya, Gayathri Narayan and others were present at the press conference.

Re-open Town Hall for the cause of promoting arts: Former Mayor

Mysuru, Jan. 12- Former Mayor Sandesh Swamy has urged the authorities concerned to re-open Rangacharlu Memorial Town Hall in the heart of the city for the cause of promoting arts.

Sandesh Swamy

Swamy, who has submitted a memorandum to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner in this regard, has recalled the history associated with the Town Hall that was named after Dewan C.V. Rangacharlu. The then king of erstwhile Mysore Chamaraja Wadiyar X constructed the Town Hall in the year 1884 to encourage art and artistes. Even after independence, the heritage structure is a witness to many historical events. Till recently, more dramas were staged by professional artistes at Town Hall, but it remains closed since three months depriving the art patrons.

Several crores of rupees has been spent on renovation works of the Town Hall, with a dedicated Committee formed to take care of its maintenance. Following the expiry of MCC Council's term, the Officers have ignored Town Hall leaving the facility in disuse leading to abandoning of the building.

Earlier, Town Hall premises was a favourite among radio listeners and to relax for sometime at the garden. Now, with the same spot turning into a vehicle parking lot, the main gate of the Town Hall has been shut restraining even the public entry. It is a dishonour to the royalty that ceases to exist.

MCC Commissioner should take note of the pathetic situation and re-open Town Hall for public programmes and the main gate should also be re-opened, urged former Mayor Swamy.

33rd edition of Lakshminarayana Global Music Festival held at Ganapathy Ashram

Musical ensemble resonates through Nada Mantapa

Noted singer Kavita Krishnamurti and her husband renowned violinist Dr. L. Subramaniam performing at the 33rd edition of Lakshminarayana Global Music Festival organised at Nada Mantapa of Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram in the city yesterday evening.

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (PM&BS)- The 33rd edition of Lakshminarayana Global Music Festival organised in association with Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram at Nada Mantapa in the Ashram premises, on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road in city last evening, left the music-lovers spellbound with a musical ensemble for two hours.

Renowned violinist Dr. L. Subramaniam, who is the recipient of 'Nada Chakravarthy' honour conferred by Avadhoota Datta Peetham, anchored the Indian symphony and Datta symphony to the applause of music connoisseurs, who swayed to the rhythm of musical instruments.

With this, the music-lovers, who were treated to various genres of music during Dasara festival-2023 had a privilege to witness yet another in the Global Music Festival and were left craving for more.

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji among the large gathering of audience at Nada Mantapa.

Symphonic Orchestra of Northern Kazakhstan, named after Akan Sery from Petropavlovsk, who were the special guests for the evening, held the music-lovers in trance, with the Maestro Abzal Mukhitdin as its conductor.

The violin recital by Dr. Subramaniam and rendition of songs by his singer wife Kavita Krishnamurti indeed cast a spell on the connoisseurs, while over 100 musicians on stage, lifted the mood with music reverberating through Nada Mantapa.

Ambi Subramaniam, who also struck a chord with his violin recital along with Kazakhstan violinists, was ably accompanied by percussionists V.V. Ramana Murthy on mridanga and Pandit Tanmoy Bose on tabla.

Akshat Galeyev's solo with a recital of traditional Kazakhstan instrument Dombra, followed by orchestra by his troupe created musical waves. The song *'Sriman Narayana...'* was rendered by Kazakhstan singer to the large round of applause.

Datta Symphony that included songs — *Sri Ganeshaya Namaha..., Jai Jai Ganapathi Mangalakari...* composed in three movements and rendered by Kavita Krishnamurti, who is popular as 'Melody Queen,' resonated through the gathering. The songs are composed by Sri Ganapathy Swamiji with symphony by Dr. L. Subramaniam.

Avadhoota Datta Peetham's Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji graced the occasion.

City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth, Founder-Editor of *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* K.B. Ganapathy and others were present on the occasion.

FESTIVIVA fashion exhibition begins

FESTIVIVA fashion exhibition being jointly inaugurated by Dr. Tejashree Urs, Deepa Venkatesh, Lata Kumar, Padmavathi Mahesh and Anuradha Chowdipura at Wind Chimes in Nazarbad this morning in the presence of Organisers Suchita Sanjay, Shubha Sanjay Urs and other stall owners. The exhibition will be open for visitors today and tomorrow from 10 am to 9 pm.

Mysuru Sankranti Rangahabba

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (MTY&TRR)- Rangayana Deputy Director Nirmala Matapathi said that District Amateur Theatre Activists Forum is organising 'Mysuru Sankranti Rangahabba' from Jan.13 to 17 at Bhoomigeeta in Rangayana premises at 6 pm.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city yesterday, she said Sankranti Rangahabba will be inaugurated by Theatre Director B. Suresh at 6 pm on Jan.13. Kannada and Culture Department Director Dr. Dharanidevi Malagathi will preside. Joint Director of Kannada and Culture Balwantrao Patil will be special invitee.

After the stage programme, 'Soole Sanyasi' play written by K.V. Subbanna will be staged.

On Jan.14, 'Kakanakote' written by Masti Venkatesha Iyengar; on Jan.15 - 'Kanviveya Hadu' translated by Dr. Meera Murthy from Athol Fugard's work; on Jan.16 - Prof. S.R. Umesh's 'C-Ward Cancer Kathanakagalu' and on Jan.17 - 'Parshwa Sangeeta' written by Srinivasa Vaidya will be staged. Forum's Suresh Babu, Subbanna and Haridatta were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Ubiquitous

Pronunciation: yoo-BIK-wuh-tuss.
Meaning: Ubiquitous is a synonym of widespread and describes things that are actually, or seemingly, seen or encountered everywhere.
Origin: To be sure, the title of the Academy Award-winning 2022 film *Everything Everywhere All at Once* (starring Academy Award-winning actress Michelle Yeoh as the reluctant hero traversing the multiverse) is the better choice, but may we just say that *Ubiquitous* would have also made sense as a title? After all, ubiquitous describes the idea of the everything everywhere all at once in the blockbuster movie's name and does it in one handy four-syllable word. Ubiquitous comes from the noun ubiquity, meaning "presence everywhere or in many places simultaneously," and both words come ultimately from the Latin word ubique, meaning "everywhere." Ubiquitous, which has often been used with a touch of exaggeration to describe those things that it seems like you can't go a day without encountering, is the more popular of the two by a parsec. It may not quite be ubiquitous, but if you keep your eyes and ears open, you're apt to encounter it quite a bit.
Example: "Though she's been a singer and performer for six decades, Cher had never made one of pop's most ubiquitous (and commercially viable) releases: a Christmas album." — Melena Ryzik

THE ODD WORD

Umbrose

Shade-giving; dusky.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Under the weather

Meaning: The phrase 'Under the weather' is used when you're not feeling good.
Origin: Not surprisingly, the origin of 'Under the weather' can be traced back to maritime sources. In the old days, sailors who weren't feeling well were often sent below deck, so they could get out of the weather. The term we use today has been shortened though; originally, the phrase was 'Under the weather bow' which is the side of ship from which the bad weather is coming.
Example: "I don't feel like hanging out today. I'm feeling a bit under the weather."

QUOTE BOX

The world is a looking glass and gives back to every man the reflection of his own face. **—William Makepeace Thackeray**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

JINX

Answer: High jinx.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Star Wars, initially
4 Musical instrument
8 Chinese nursemaid
12 Household god
13 Evenings for poets
14 African native
15 Girl's name
16 Soaks flex or hemp in water
17 Number one personality
18 Large country house
20 Israel's __ Aviv
22 Monish ___ : Nutan's son
25 Curved glass
28 "A A milne" anagram for thin plates or scales or layers?
31 Eskimo canoe
33 A cricket extra
34 Standard, in short?
36 A high priest of old
37 Closes up
40 Environment
43 Blinds crosspiece
44 Prepare for press
45 The hue of blood
47 Tier units
51 Herman Melville's ___ Dick
54 Wings or winglike parts
57 Arab market
58 Mr Jaitley of the BJP
59 Silvery-white mineral
60 Arab sleeveless garment
61 River of Hades
62 Help a felon
63 Sydney st.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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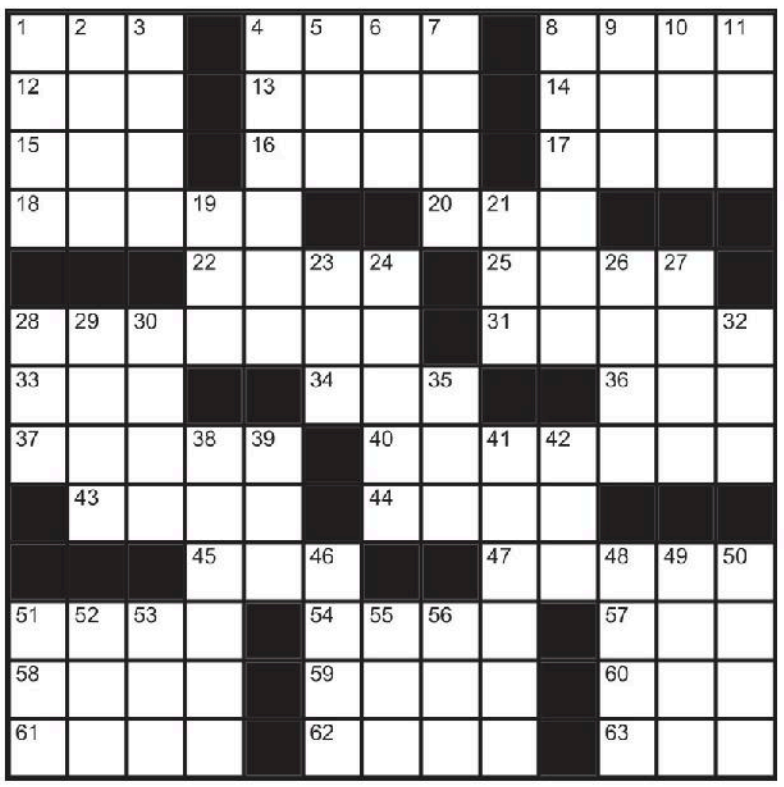
DOWN
1 Thin
2 Art movement
3 Tehran's locale
4 German misters
5 Hail as to Maria
6 Expose to moisture or soak in water?
7 "Hey, you!"
8 A type of flowering shrub
9 Wet soft earth
10 __ __ mode : in this fashion or style (1,2)
11 Sing wordlessly
19 Kimono sash
21 Wapiti or moose
23 Owns
24 Underworld river
26 Russian no
27 Hacienda room - "alas" anagram?
28 Pounds
29 Yes votes
30 Repast
32 Set of tools
35 Father
38 Voice box
39 Fr. holy title
41 Cut in half
42 Native or inhabitant as a suffix
46 A list of facts
48 __ __ example : e.g. ? (2,2)
49 Small casks
50 A cape on the northernmost tip of JutlandSkagen
51 Pas' mates
52 Owner Requirements Table
53 Purchase
55 Experiment room, in short, for science students
56 Brewed liquor



SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

2	4	1	8	9	7	3	6	5
9	7	3	6	2	5	1	8	4
5	6	8	3	4	1	9	7	2
3	8	9	1	6	4	5	2	7
1	5	4	7	8	2	6	3	9
6	2	7	5	3	9	4	1	8
4	9	6	2	1	8	7	5	3
7	3	2	4	5	6	8	9	1
8	1	5	9	7	3	2	4	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

NB NA JCSCT'A BQS YF XEJFCS, N'W KANXX IC NT LSNKQT.

NA JCTA E XQA BEKACS JNAR AJQ LCQLXC WNDDNTD.

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: My boy, one small breeze doesn't make a wind storm.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Kaatera (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Kaatera (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Kaatera (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Ayalaan (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Tiger 3 (H) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Captain Miller (K) - 2 Shows; *Captain Miller (Ta)* - 2 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Guntur Kaaram (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Guntur Kaaram (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Ph: 2497199**
  Merry Christmas (H) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Hanu-Man (Te) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Guntur Kaaram (Te)	(S-1)	9.05 am, 3.50 pm
	(S-4)	1 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.25 pm
Kaatera (K)	(S-1)	12.15 pm, 7 pm, 10.25 pm
	(S-4)	9.35 am
Ayalaan (Ta)	(S-2)	10 am, 4.05 pm
Merry Christmas (Ta)	(S-2)	1.10 pm, 7.15 pm
Abraham Ozler (Ma)	(S-2)	10.20 pm
Captain Miller (K)	(S-3)	9.55 am, 1 pm, 10.20 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	(S-4)	4.10 pm
Hanuman (Te)	(S-3)	4.05 pm, 7.10 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Guntur Kaaram (Te)	:	9.50 am, 4.45 pm
		6.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	:	10.00 am, 1.00 pm, 6.45 pm
Captain Miller (K)	:	3.45 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	10.00 am, 1.20 pm
		7.50 pm, 9.50 pm
Merry Christmas (H)	:	10.00 am, 4.00 pm
Merry Christmas (Ta)	:	6.45 pm
Ayalaan (Ta)	:	12.50 pm, 3.50 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	:	12.50 pm
Hanu-man (H)	:	9.30 pm

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Guntur Kaaram (Te)	:	9.10 am, 12.30 pm, 3.30 pm
		3.50 pm, 6.55 pm,
		7.10 pm, 10:30 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	11.45 am, 12.10 pm, 3.20 pm
		6.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Ayalaan (Ta)	:	12.15 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.15 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	:	12.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Hanu-man (H)	:	3.35 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	:	12.20 pm, 6.55 pm, 10.05 pm
Captain Miller (K)	:	3.35 pm
Merry Christmas (H)	:	3.50 pm, 10.15 pm
Abraham Ozler (Ma)	:	7.05 pm

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Merry Christmas (H)	:	9.10 am, 3.50 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	:	11.45 am, 3.30 pm, 10:00 pm
Ayalaan (Ta)	:	12.15 pm, 6.45 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	12.15 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.40 pm
Guntur Kaaram (Te)	:	12.20 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.20 pm, 7.00 pm, 10.20 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	:	3.00 pm, 10.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 12)

- **DGTM English Medium School, Vidyaranyapuram:** DGTM Samskrutika Vaibhava, 17th Annual Day, City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth inaugurates, Institution Secretary M.V. Thyagaraj presides, former Corporators Shobha Sunil and M. Sunil, Institution Administrator H.R. Panduranga and Head Master M.R. Mahesh chief guests, Shree Sharada Rangamantapa, School premises, **5 pm.**
- **Children's Literary Club:** Valedictory of Workshop on Strengthening English Language Skills and GK of Kannada Medium Students, conducted by Club Director Dr. R. Purnima, Govt. Hostel for Girl Students, Adi Pampa Road, **5.30 pm.**
- **Kalasandesha Pratishtana:** Inauguration of three-day 'Kalabhivardhana 2024,' 20th annual celebrations, Sangeet Natak Akademi (New Delhi) Member Dr. Nagamani Srinath inaugurates, Danseuse Vidushi Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy presides; Conferring of 'Veena Vaggeya Vibhushana' award on Veena Maestro Dr. R. Visweswaran; Veena Concert by Dr. Visweswaran, Vidwan Anoor Ananthakrishna Sharma on mridanga; Ramabai Govindarao Rangamandira, Ganabharathi, Adichunchanagiri Road, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru - Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, Mysuru:** Tirupavai Kalakshepa (discourse) by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority:** Valedictory of Dasara Exhibition, MLA T.S. Srivatsa presides, Expo grounds, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 13)

- **Girls Government PU College, Chamaraja Double Road:** Annual day and valedictory of co-curricular activities, MLA T.S. Srivatsa presides, DDPUE M. Mariswamy, College Development Committee Vice-President Manjunath Nayak and Committee member B.S. Raghunandan, chief guests, Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **10 am.**
- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit and JSS High School, Mysuru:** Elocution contest on *Sharana Darshana*, inauguration and lecture on 'Vachana Sahityada Prastutate' by D. Udaykumar, Lecturer, Government College of Teacher Education, JSS High School HM M.C. Devaraju distributes certificates, Parishat President M.G. Sadanandaiah presides, JSS High School, Lakshmipuram, **10 am.**
- **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, Manasagangothri:** 74th Constitution Day - Lecture Series, Dr. B. Shivashankar, Guest Lecturer, Evening College, University of Mysore, delivers lecture, MIT First Grade College, Manandavadi Road, Vidyaranyapuram, **10.30 am.**
- **Sundara Prakashana, Bengaluru:** Release of *'Gauriya Nantu E Manetanakke,'* authored by senior journalist Gauri Satya, Nadoja Prof. T.V. Venkatachala Sastry releases book, Scholar Dr. N.S. Tharanath speaks about the book, author Gauri Satya delivers introductory address, S.P. Bhat Hall, Institution of Engineers-India, JLB Road, **11 am.**
- **Mysore Art Gallery, Mysuru:** 88th edition of 'Saadhakarondige Samvaada' monthly interaction with Achiever of the month - Wildlife Photojournalist Anurag Basavaraj, MJDA President S.T. Ravikumar chief guest, Kannada Sahitya Kalakuta President M. Chandrashekar delivers keynote address, Art Gallery Founder-President L. Shivalingappa presides, Art Gallery premises, Ramanuja Road, **11 am.**
- **Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE):** Graduation Day, Dr. U. Chandrasekhar, CED - GM Scientific Innovation and Research Centre, Bengaluru, chief guest, VV Sangha Hon. President H.V. Gundappa Gowda, presides, Hon. Secretary P. Vishwanath and Hon. Treasurer Srishaila Ramannavar, guests of honour, Sahukar Chennaiah Auditorium, VVCE Campus, Gokulam, **11 am.**
- **Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM), Mysuru:** Well-Wishers Meet, Introduction to Viveka School of Excellence (VSOE) Sainik School by S. Savitha, SVYM Founder Dr. R. Balasubramaniam delivers keynote address, Dr. Sudheer B. Bangalore will be present, V-LEAD premises, Hebbal, **4 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **Mysore Toastmasters, District 121, Mysuru:** Installation Ceremony, Learner's PU College, Vijayanagar, **4.45 pm.**
- **Ranga Ratnakara, Bengaluru and Department of Kannada & Culture:** Rangageetha Gayana, Sri Shaneshwara Swamy Temple Development Committee President Vijaya Nanjundaiah inaugurates, Secretary Dr. B.S. Narakesari, presides, Rangageetha Gayana by Vid. Kiragasuru Rajappa and team accompanied by Vid. Kiragasuru Rajappa on harmonium, Vid. M.S. Jayaram on tabla and Vid. Purushothama on clarionet, Sri Shaneshwara Swamy Temple, 'H' Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **6 pm.**
- **Kalasandesha Pratishtana:** 'Kalabhivardhana 2024,' 'Bharatanatya: Bhagavata Marga' by K. Sandesh Bhargav, Bharatanatyam artiste and Vice-President, Global Solution & Transformation Li & Fung. Vocal recital by Vidu. Kanchana S. Sriranjani accompanied by Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy - mridanga, Vid. Gopal Venkataramana - veena, Vid. Nithish Ammannaya - flute, Vid. H.L. Ananthakrishna Swamy - rhythm pad; Smt. Ramabai Govindarao Rangamandira, Ganabharathi, Adichunchanagiri Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Vipranandа speaks on 'Spiritual experience in different traditions,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Vijay Foundation, Mysuru:** Releasing of 3 books — *Sarala Bhagavadgita*, English Version, authored by Narmada N. Prabhu; *Sadhaka - Sarthaka*, Dr. B.R. Pai's Biography in Kannada authored by Dr. V. Ranganath & S.Venkateshan and *Spreading Light*, Dr. B.R. Pai's Biography in English authored by Dr. V. Ranganath & S. Venkateshan, translated by S. Ramaswamy — Poojya Swamv Chidrupananda Saraswathi of Arsha Vidya Peetha, Hubballi and Mysuru, releases the books, Rotary Centre, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana and Indian Heritage Cities Network:** Valedictory of Art Show titled 'Trees, Water, Stardust,' collection of art by Aadirika and Desai Somesh, Pratishtana Secretary R.G. Singh, Founder-Editor of *Star of Mysore* K.B. Ganapathy and others chief guests, The Heritage House, Saraswathipuram, **7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Kaatera (K)	(S-3)	8.50 am
	(S-2)	11.30 am, 6.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Merry Christmas (H)	(S-3)	7.05 pm; (S-4) 8.55 am
Captain Miller (Ta)	(S-3)	12.25 pm, 10.10 pm
Captain Miller (K)	(S-3)	3.45 pm
Ayalaan (Ta)	(S-4)	12 noon, 6.40 pm
Gunturu Kaaram (Te)	(S-1)	9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm,
		7 pm, 10.20 pm
	(S-2)	8.10 am, 3.10 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	(S-4)	3.20 pm, 10.00 pm

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Guntur Kaaram (Te)	:	8.50 am, 12.10 pm, 3.30 pm
		4.05 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Captain Miller (Ta)	:	9 am, 3.40 pm
Captain Miller (K)	:	12.20 pm
Hanu-man (Te)	:	9.00 am, 7.00 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	9.05 am, 3.20 pm, 10:00 pm
Saindhav (Te)	:	12.20 pm, 7.00 pm
Ayalaan (Ta)	:	12.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Abraham Ozler (Ma)	:	7.25 pm
Merry Christmas (Ta)	:	10.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

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The Mada Ceremony has been arranged at **The Roost Hotel in Hinkal on January 14 (Sunday) at 11.30am.** Mada invitations have been sent but those who have not yet received the invitation may please treat this as a personal invitation, attend the ceremony and pray for the departed soul.

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